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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS OF DIET DISCUSSION OF KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE

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SUMMARY: PRESS REPORTS OF DIET COMMITTEE SESSIONS FRIDAY WERE MILDLY CRITICAL OF FAILURE OF TANAKA GOVERNMENT TO TAKE CONSISTENT POSITION IN LOWER HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETINGS FRIDAY (FOREIGN AFFAIRS, JUDICIARY AND COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.)

1. IN LOWER HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SESSION FRIDAY ICHIRO WATANABE (KOMEITO PARTY) ASKED WHAT GOJ POSITION WOULD BE IN EVENT CIA OFFICIALS PROVE TO HAVE PLAYED ROLE IN KIM TAE-CHUNG ABDUCTION. IN REPLY QUOTED BY PRESS, MOFA, TREATY BUREAU DIRECTOR GENERAL NOBUO MATSUNAGA SAID THAT GOVERNMENT TO WHICH SUCH AGENCY BELONGS WOULD HAVE TO BEAR RESPONSIBILITY EVEN IF ITS AGENTS ACTED IN PRIVATE CAPACITY.

2. IN SAME SESSION, FONMIN OHIRA DECLARED, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION BY MUTSUO SHIBATA (JCP) THAT GOJ HAS NO INTENTION

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OF ABRUPTLY CHANGING RELATIONS WITH ROK, AND THAT GOJ WOULD

GIVE PROPER CONSIDERATION TO FUTURE ROK REQUESTS FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. SOME COMMENTATORS NOTED THAT THIS CONTRADICTED MITI MINISTER YASUHIRO NAKASONE RESPONSE IN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE (REFTEL) THAT GOJ MIGHT HAVE NO OTHER COURSE BUT TO CONSIDER CUT OFF OF AID IF IT PROVED THAT ROKG VIOLATED JAPAN'S SOVEREIGNTY IN KIM CASE.

3. ALSO IN FRIDAY SESSION OF LOWER HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, YANOSUKE NARAZAKI (JSP) ASKED WHETHER TANAKA GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MINJUSTICE ISAJI TANAKA REFERENCES IN UPPER HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE PREVIOUS DAY ABOUT INTELLIGENCE AGENCY OF QTE CERTAIN GOVERNMENT UNQTE WHICH QTE HIS SIXTH SENSE TOLD HIM KIDNAPPED KIM TAE-CHUNG UNQTE. DEPUTY CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY GANRI YAMASHITA REPLIED THAT MINJUSTICE HAD GIVEN PERSONAL IMPRESSION FOR WHICH GOJ NOT RESPONSIBLE.

4. NARAZAKI ALSO CHARGED INTER-ALIA THAT ROK VICE-CONSUL ASSIGNED TO KOBE WAS INVOLVED IN FORCIBLE REPATRIATION OF 17 KOREAN STUDENTS FROM GERMANY SOMETIME AGO, AND THAT ALL ROK VICE-CONSULS IN JAPAN ARE MEMBERS OF KCIA.

5. IN FRIDAY SESSION OF LOWER HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, YASUYUKI OKIMOTO (KOMEITO PARTY) ASKED WHAT GOJ WOULD DO IF ROKG PERSISTED IN REFUSAL TO ALLOW KIM TAE-CHUNG TO RETURN TO JAPAN. MINJUSTICE TANAKA EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ROKG WOULD ACT QTE REASONABLY UNQTE IN VIEW OF CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND ROK. HE REITERATED BELIEF THAT ROK WOULD COMPLY IF JAPAN QTE RESOLUTELY AND TENACIOUSLY UNQTE DEMANDED KIM'S RETURN.

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